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For: HEAT STORAGE UNIT

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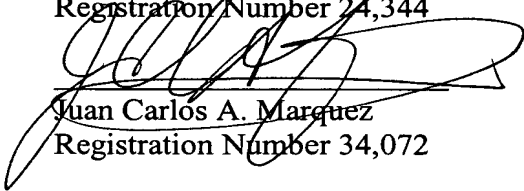
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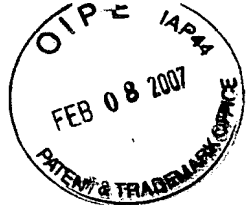
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Upon a review of the Filing Receipt mailed in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant has noted that the information under "Foreign Applications" was incorrect. The Foreign Application number and date are incorrect. Therefore, Applicant hereby requests a Corrected Filing Receipt with the correct listing for the Foreign Application as follows:

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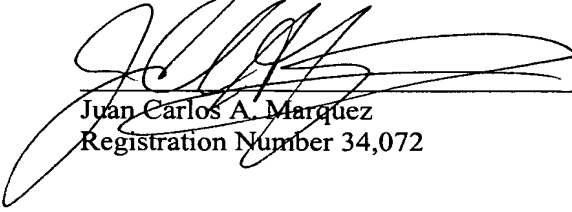
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The Applicant believes that there is no fee due for this correction. However, if there is please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 08-1480.

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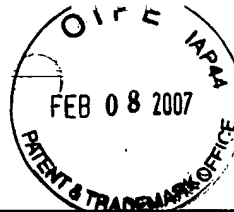
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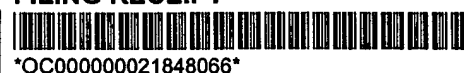
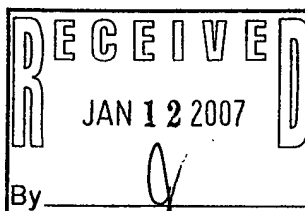
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/580,048**

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Title

Heat storage unit

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

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The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/19/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/19/2006
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- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/19/2006
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